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SUBJECT: CSCE: BASKET III MORE REALISTIC TEXT ON WORKING CONDITIONS  
FOR JOURNALISTS

REF: A. GENEVA 6298 B. STATE 157032

1. EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH USDELOFF AND WORKED OUT  
FOLLOWING TEXT ON THIS SUBJECT:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE PARTICIPATING STATES.... THAT JOURNALISTS FROM THE  
PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION AND THEIR TECHNICAL STAFF SHALL

-BE GRANTED VISAS, INCLUDING MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT  
VISAS, RESIDENCE PERMITS AND , IF REQUIRED, OTHER OFFICIAL  
PAPERS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE;

- BE GRANTED GREATER FREEDOM TO TRAVEL WITHIN PARTICIPA-  
TING STATES IN PURSUIT OF THEIR LEGITIMATE PRO-  
FESSIONAL ACTIVITIES;

- BE GRANTED THE NECESSARY TRAVEL PERMITS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY  
AS POSSIBLE;

- NOT BE SUBJECT TO EXPULSION FOR REASONS CONNECTED  
WITH THEIR LEGITIMATE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES;

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- BE ALLOWED TO CARRY WITH THEM THE EQUIPMENT AND

MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR THE EXERCISE OF THEIR PROFESSION.

...THAT, IN PURSUANCE OF THEIR LEGITIMATE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES JOURNALISTS FROM THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION SHALL

- ENJOY FREE CONTACT WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS;
- HAVE THEIR ACCESS TO OFFICIALS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES FACILITATED;
- BE PERMITTED TO TRANSMIT TO THE RECIPIENTS, FULLY AND WITHOUT DELAY, THE RESULTS OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY. END TEXT.

2. THE PRINCIPLE ITEMS AT ISSUE, " FREE" TRAVEL AND " UNHINDERED" ACCESS TO OFFICIALS, HAVE BEEN MODIFIED. THE COMPROMISE TEXT INCLUDES "MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS" SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE INFORMED A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT THIS. IT ALSO APPLIES MORE PROVISIONS TO THE TECHNICAL STAFF THAN DOES THE US TEXT. THE ADJECTIVE "LEGITIMATE" MODIFYING "PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES" IS AT BRITISH INSISTENCE BASED ON RECENT INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THE CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BECAUSE IT WAS AGREED THAT IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR GOVTS TO ARRANGE CONTACTS WITH PRIVATE CITIZENS, AT LEAST IN THE WEST. EC-NINE REPS RECOGNIZE THAT " FREE CONTACT WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS" WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO WARSAW PACT STATES BUT WISH TO RETAIN PHRASE FOR A WHILE FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES.

3. THE TEXT MUST NOW BE REFERRED TO CAPITALS AND BE SUBJECT TO EC-NINE DELIBERATIONS BEFORE IT CAN BE FINALLY AGREED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TEXT ABOVE MEETS THE DEPT'S POSITION (REF B) ON ALL THE IMPORTANT POINTS AND WE REQUEST THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT IT IF IF EMERGES FROM EC-NINE CONSULTATION SUBSTANTIALLY UNCHANGED.  
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